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Application No.: PCT/US2005/012610 Filed: 14 Apr 2005 For: Large Area Metallization Pretreatment and Surface Activation System NC 97,078	June 29, 2005

REPLY TO "INVITATION TO CORRECT PRIORITY CLAIM"

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Sir:

This is in response to the "INVITATION TO CORRECT PRIORITY CLAIM," form PCT/RO/110, mailing date 13 Jun 2005.

The Authorized Officer found that there was an "Inconsistency with regard to the filing date of the earlier application", wherein the request indicates a priority date of "04 Apr 2004", and the priority document indicates a date of "14 Apr 2005".

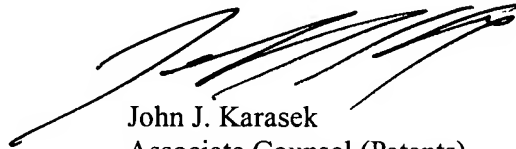
In response, Applicant submits the enclosed replacement sheet. The enclosed sheet is the third sheet of the PCT Request, Form PCT/RO/101 (second sheet) (January 2004), wherein the priority date has been corrected. Applicant regrets that a typographical error occurred with the request as filed. Please note that Applicant respectfully submits that a topographical error is also present on the Form PCT/RO/110. Applicant believes 14 Apr

2004 should have been listed as the date the priority document indicates. In summary,  
Applicant respectfully submits the priority date is 14 Apr 2004.

If there are any questions, please contact Steve Hunnius at 202.404.1554.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to Deposit  
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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John J. Karasek', written over the printed name.

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**Box No. V DESIGNATIONS**

The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.

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**Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM**

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 14/04/2004	10/825,800	US		
item (2)				
item (3)				

☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

☒ all items ☐ item (1) ☐ item (2) ☐ item (3) ☐ other, see Supplemental Box

\* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)): . . . .

**Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA / US

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year)

Number

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**Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS**

The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):

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declarations

- ☐ Box No. VIII (i) Declaration as to the identity of the inventor :
- ☐ Box No. VIII (ii) Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent :
- ☐ Box No. VIII (iii) Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application :
- ☐ Box No. VIII (iv) Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) :
- ☐ Box No. VIII (v) Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty :